

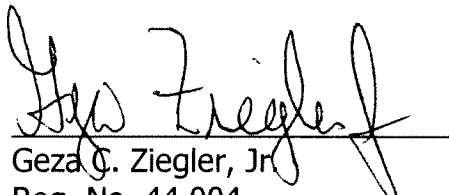
III. DISCUSSION

In an Interview Summary mailed December 18, 2006, as well as a telephone interview on February 5, 2007, the Examiner indicated that if claims 8-15 were cancelled, the application would be allowable. This has been done herein.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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